

# LOCAL COURT PLANS APPROVED



**SUMMER BLUES . . .** Officer Philip Wilson (left) and Lt. Swayne Johnson check new summer blues during the heat wave this week. Both officers agreed that Acting Chief Percy Bennett's order for summer-weight uniforms didn't come a day too soon. With the fire department weather station destroyed again by vandals, officials could only guess at true temperatures here.

## Board Orders Final Design By Architect

Preliminary plans and specifications for the new Torrance Courthouse to be built adjacent to the police station on the city's civic center, have been approved by the board of supervisors on the recommendation of Supervisor Burton W. Chace.

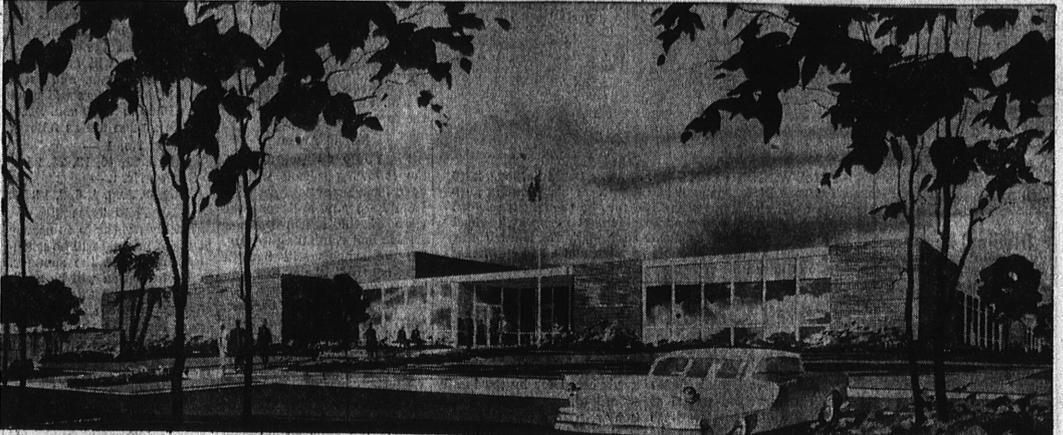
At the same time, the board ordered Architect Kenneth Wing to proceed with final plans for the structure. Cost of the new facility has been estimated at \$274,027.

The plans approved this week call for a one-story building with space for all offices pertinent to the operation of a court.

Architect Kenneth S. Wing presented the plans for the building showing 10,112 square feet in the one-story brick structure. Included will be a court room, jury room, and offices for the judge, marshal and deputies, district attorney, sheriff, and other auxiliary personnel. It also will include detention rooms for prisoners.

A third judge added to the staff of the South Bay Municipal Court will be located in the new building, climaxing a long fight by local residents to get the court located here.

The new building is expected to be completed some time next year. In addition to the building, the site will contain 56,000 square feet of parking area, Chace said.



**NEW TORRANCE COURT . . .** Renderings of the proposed courthouse for the Torrance Civic Center were released in Los Angeles yesterday following approval of the plans for the court by the board of supervisors.

The new building, to be constructed between the city's police station and municipal plunge, will cost about \$274,000, according to Supervisor Chace, who was instrumental in getting approval of the branch court here.

## YMCA To Install Board Tonight

The Torrance YMCA's installation dinner tonight will be a big occasion as the organization begins a new year with new officers, its fund goal for 1957 surpassed, its debt halved, a new program director, and plans for an expanded camping program.

Ben Smith will be installed as chairman of the board of managers by Fred Robertson, associate general secretary of the Los Angeles YMCA.

Special tribute will be paid to Ralph Morris, board chairman for the past two years, during which much of the YMCA's recent growth has been made. When he took office, it was uncertain whether the local "Y" would even continue.

### Officers Told

Other new officers include Sam Levy, vice chairman; Don Anderson, secretary; and Bill Speck, treasurer.

Through two last-minute contributions, the 1957 YMCA goal — \$21,000 — was surpassed under the direction of Chairman Sam Levy. The donations which pushed the campaign over the top were from Harvey Aluminum and Torrance teachers.

The new officers hope to be able to pay off the rest of the debt in the next year, to clear the way for construction of a large YMCA to meet the rapid growth.

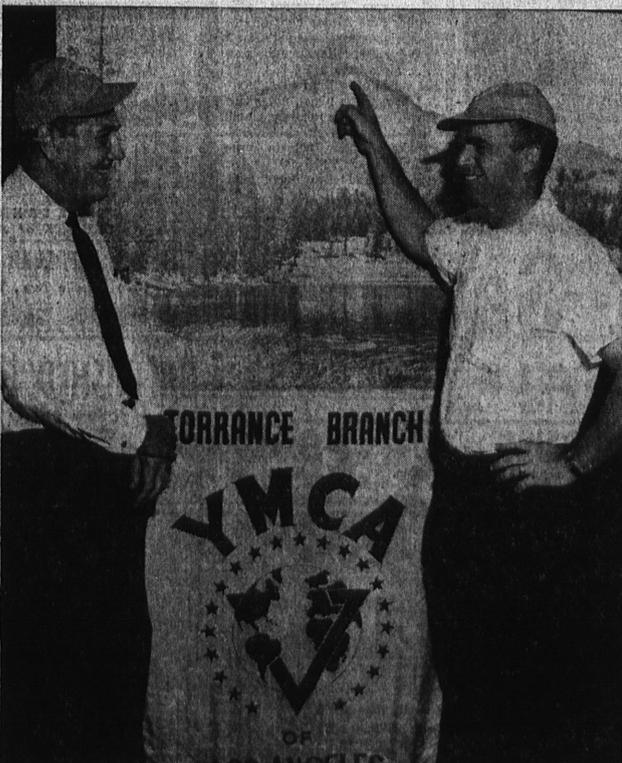
### Secretary Named

As a result of the successful fund drive, a second full-time professional YMCA secretary Douglas Cannon, has been hired to help with the 3000 members of the local "Y". He will work primarily with the Gra-Y program, designed for 9 to 12 year olds. He formerly served as volunteer leader and part-time staff member at the Southwest YMCA.

### Program Set

During the coming year, the Torrance YMCA will operate one of the biggest camping programs in southern California. YMCA Secretary Joe Wilcox estimated that more than 1000 boys will take part in three summer mountain camps, two caravans to national parks, a pack hike along the John Muir Trail, and a month-long YMCA Day Camp in Torrance.

Jack Breglio, Torrance teacher, has been hired on a full-time basis for the summer months to aid Wilcox until Cannon joins the staff in the



**REAL COOL, MAN! . . .** That's what Ben Smith, new chairman of the YMCA board of managers, tells Ralph Morris, retiring chairman, as they discuss the YMCA's summer camping program. New YMCA officers will be installed tonight at a dinner at the Plush Horse. The "Y" will begin a new year with its fund drive over the top and a second secretary to be added to the staff.

## Man Find For Part in Street Fight

A Torrance man was fined \$10 on battery charges in connection with a May 27 fight in front of a bar at 2011 Pacific Coast Hwy., Lomita, on South Bay Municipal Court Tuesday.

Jack Garrabrant, 27, 21633 Redbeam Ave., received the fine after he was identified as one of the participants in the tiff in which Carl K. Andrews, 41, Wilmington, William Kreitz Sr., 63, Inglewood, and William Kreitz Jr., 36, Lawndale, were attacked as they were leaving the bar. Charges against three other suspects were dropped.

Sheriff's deputies said the three men were accosted on the sidewalk by five others who had just come from a neighboring bar, not inside the bar as previously reported. They said one of the men shoved a pitcher of beer in Andrews' face and ordered him to drink.

## YMCA Picks Doug Cannon As Secretary

Douglas Cannon, long-time YMCA participant and worker, will join the staff of the Torrance YMCA later this year as a second full-time secretary, the YMCA board of managers announced yesterday.

Cannon will work primarily with the Gra-Y program, designed for boys nine to 12 years old. Now in the Navy, he will join the staff after his discharge in late summer. He will join Joe Wilcox, present YMCA secretary.

Board Chairman Ralph Norris said that his recommendations were so outstanding that he chose Torrance from 17 YMCA's offering him jobs. Cannon told Norris that he chose Torrance because he felt the great youth population needed additional YMCA service.

A volunteer leader and part-time staff member at the Southwest YMCA, Cannon attended George Williams College, YMCA college in Chicago, graduating at the top of his class. He served as president of the student body and as chairman of a national YMCA student conference.

He has been an active church worker and member since his youth.

## Transformer Causes Fire

A blown transformer on the Torrance Police Pistol Range, 25831 Crenshaw Blvd., started a grass fire which spread over 10 acres and shut off electricity for part of the adjoining homes Monday afternoon.

Torrance firemen battled the flames for over an hour, finally bringing them under control despite high winds. Some damage was done to hoses as the result of suddenly shifting flames.

Power company repairmen said the transformer apparently blew out, starting the fire.

## New School Site Eyed; Madison Plans Dropped

The possibility of a new school for the Fern-Greenwood area north of Torrance Blvd. was considered by the Torrance School Board Tuesday night, as it voted to abandon the proposed Madison School site.

Assistant Superintendent S. E. Waldrip presented a report to the board indicating that school officials had studied a plan to abandon the present Fern School site entirely

## Deputies Nab Trio Just in Nick of Time

Three Lomita boys have been charged with attempted car theft after sheriff's deputies found them "just in time" in the California Bank parking lot, Narbonne and Lomita Blvd. Tuesday.

An officer who was arresting a drunk at the corner noticed a youth whom he thought was acting suspiciously. When he approached the youth, he fled. At the same time, another youth fled from the parking lot. Deputies gave chase and caught the pair and another youth was hiding in a car in the lot.

Deputies quoted the boys as saying, "You caught us just in time." They were preparing to "hot wire" the car for a ride, they said.

## MacDonald Retires at Oil Company

James D. MacDonald, chairman of the 68th Assembly District Democratic Committee, has retired from his job at the Texas Co. after 31 years.

A Wilmington resident for the past 34 years, he was employed as a stitman. He is a veteran of 48 years in union activities and has served as a delegate to the CIO Los Angeles Council for many years.

A native of Nova Scotia, he has been active in politics since 1928. He has been chairman of the county Democratic Central Committee for 14 of the 20 years in which he served on it, and now is chairman of the 68th District Committee. He also served on the 17th Congressional District Committee for four years.

He also has been active in the Knights of Columbus, YMCA, Community Chest, Red Cross, and Heart Fund.

### Carr Music Festival

A music festival was held Tuesday at Carr Elementary School for the benefit of parents.

Performing in the program were the Girls' Glee Club, led by Mrs. Marilyn Steele; Morning Primary Chorus, led by Mrs. Henton and Doris Flink, and the school orchestra, led by Doris Crozier.

## Failure of State Aid Bill Would Up Local Taxes

Failure of the California Legislature to approve the School Aid Bill now pending before it would cost the Torrance taxpayer an additional 35 cents per \$100 in local school taxes, according to S. E. Waldrip, assistant superintendent of schools.

The fate of the bill appears to be in doubt at the present time. State Sen. Richard Richards said this week that \$65,000,000 school aid bill now before the legislature may be trimmed considerably and may be vetoed by the governor.

Gov. Goodwin Knight has indicated he might veto any additional expenditures for which the legislature failed to provide another source of income.

There was some talk in Sacramento that Knight might not veto a \$35,000,000 increase in aid to schools, however.

Waldrip said earlier that the Torrance school system might be forced to levy taxes to the limit of a 75-cent override unless the legislature increased state aid and unless the city's assessed valuation increases more than is anticipated.

No Interest He pointed out that the state aid to schools has not been raised since the Korean War, despite greater costs. The local school board officially backed the bill.

In Sacramento, Sen. Richards pledged to fight for as much of the \$65,000,000 as could be obtained. He said it was almost certain that the legislature would not vote an increase in taxes to meet the deficit.

Small Fire in Car An engine backfire apparently caused a small fire in a car belonging to Dr. H. E. Essex, 3810 Pacific Coast Hwy., according to Torrance firemen. The fire, at the corner of Carson and Crenshaw, was apparently caused when the engine backfired.

10 Tires Stolen Somebody stole 10 tires from a rack at the Flying A Service Station, 2477 Lomita Blvd., Virgil Hancecock told sheriff's deputies Sunday. The recapped tires were valued at \$100.

Trash Barrels Taken Somebody stole two trash barrels from the front of her home Saturday. Norma Mavine Peerson reported to sheriff's deputies.

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